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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2288
INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS
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TAGS: PREL, PINS, VE, CO
SUBJECT: GAVIRIA AND ACTIONS IN VENEZUELA

1. PRESIDENT GAVIRIA CALLED AMBASSADOR BUSBY SHORTLY
BEFORE 2:00 AM TO ADVISE THAT AN ATTEMPTED COUP WAS
UNDERWAY IN VENEZUELA AND THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT
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WITH CAP. HE ASKED WHAT INFORMATION THE AMBASSADOR
HAD. AFTER CONFERRING WITH A/S ARONSON AND AMBASSADOR
SKOL, THE AMBASSADOR GOT BACK TO GAVIRIA WITH
AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION, INCLUDING THAT
THERE HAD BEEN FIGHTING IN MARACAIBO AND MARACAY AND
CAP'S PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT HE BELIEVED THE SITUATION
WOULD BE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT
PRESIDENT BUSH WOULD BE CALLING CAP SHORTLY.

2. THE AMBASSADOR GISTED FOR GAVIRIA THE STATEMENT OF
SUPPORT FOR VENEZUELAN DEMOCRACY BEING RELEASED IN

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: NORMAN M BOUTON
DATE/CASE ID: 16 JUL 2008 200503656

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CARACAS AND SUGGESTED THAT GAVIRIA, SALINAS AND PERHAPS OTHERS MIGHT WANT TO MAKE SIMILAR STATEMENTS. GAVIRIA SAID SALINAS, FUJIMORA AND PAZ ZAMORA ALL INTENDED TO MAKE STATEMENTS. FUJIMORA'S AND PAZ ZAMORA'S STATEMENTS WERE READ ON COLOMBIAN RADIO SHORTLY BEFORE 3:00 AM. EMBASSY DID NOT HEAR BUT HAS BEEN TOLD THAT A STATEMENT BY SALINAS PRECEDED THOSE BY FUJIMORA AND PAZ ZAMORA.

3. A COPY OF THE U.S. STATEMENT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SENT TO GAVIRIA AND THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER IT WAS ALSO RELEASED TO THE PRESS.
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